THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) and (e) The recovery notices to Collector, Bombay were issued against M|s. Sandoz and M|s. Pfizer to recover the amount of liability as arrears of Land Revenue on 19-10-92 and 16-2-93 respectively. These companies filed SLP in the Supreme Court against the earlier interim orders of the Bombay High Court with the direction to deposit 50 per cent of the impugned amount with the Bombay High Court and to provide a bond to the Bombay High Court for the balance amount. In case of M|s. Pfizer, Supreme Court gave a decision on 22-3-93 to deposit 50 per cent of the impugned amount by or before 15th May, 1993 with the Government. Since Supreme Court has allowed time upto 15th May, 1993 it has been proposed not to take any action upto 15th May, 1993. During the last two years, an amount of Rs. 177.53 lakhs has been deposited by 3 companies viz., M|s. Pfizer, M|s. Abbott and M|s. Sandoz, out of which Rs. 37.34 lakhs has been deposited by M|s. Sandoz in the Bombay High Court.

(d) No, Sir.

Imported Bulk Drugs

398. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1223 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1993 and state :

(a) What are the names of the imported bulk drugs which accounted for landed cost of Rs. 50 lakhs or more during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) the number of such imported bulk drugs which are under price control and the number of them which have been kept outside the price control;

(c) what are the names of major importers of such bulk drugs and what are the main reasons for keeping them outside price control ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the decontrol on the prices of such bulk drugs and their formulations have given rise to increase in imports and their monopolisation resulting in more foreign exchange depletion; and

(e) what was the price of each formulation before announcement of present price control order and what is the existing price of each of them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Imports by individual companies are not being monitored. Inclusion|exclusion of bulk drugs under price control was done on the basis of the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.

(e) There was thousands of formulations. The time and labour involved in collecting this information shall not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Non-Furnishing of Information in Form-6 of DPCO, 1987

399. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Form 6 of DPCO, 1987 all the manufacturers are required to give details of sale|consumption and their value of imported and indigenous bulk drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in all the returns received in Form 6 none of the companies have provided these details and still the Form 6 has been accepted by Government;

(c) what are the names of companies who have not submitted such information; and

(d) what steps have been taken to enquire into the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For the year 1991-92, 69 companies have submitted Form-6. Out of these, 14 companies, whose names are given below, have not furnished information on consumption|sales of bulk drugs.

Companies : Hindustan Ciba-Geigy, Merind, Serum Institute, Roche, Infar India, ICI, Fulford, Boots, Eskayef, Win-Medicare, B. Wellcome, Cyanamid, Duphar Interfran, Glaxo.

(d) Whenever instance of company incomplete information in Form-6 comes to the notice of the Government, the companies are asked to furnish the same immediately.

Crossing of Investment Limit by M/s. U. S. Vitamins

400. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether M|s. U.S. Vitamins have crossed the limit of investment fixed for the small scale sector units;

(b) whether it is a fact that they neither obtained COB licence for their products nor they bothered about price approvals;

(c) what are the names of the products marketed by them without price approval; and

(d) what are the names of the small scale sector units created by them to defeat the government regulations and what is the association of these units with this company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir. The company has stated that it crossed the limit of investment fixed for the Small Scale Sector units in 1990.

(b) and (c) This information will be collected and placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(d) According to the information furnished by the company, there are no such units.

Price Increase of Drugs

401. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs where prices have been increased more than once a year during the last two years;

(b) what are the details of this price increase and what are the names of the units on whose request such price increase was effected;

(c) whether cost data of all the units studied by the BICP was taken into consideration or the data was called for only from one or two units;

(d) what are the nanees of units whose data was studied in each case; and

(e) when each company applied for increase and when the price of each drug was increased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDURADO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) The revision of prices of scheduled bulk drugs is an on going process, with a view to ensuring their availability and this is done in accordance with the provisions of DPCO,